

and it reads as follows. I think I will read the letter into the record. He asks that it be included, and also, the text of an amendment that he proposes to the bill. I think while you are here, it would be well to read the letter, and then ask for your comment on it, so that we may have the record complete with respect to it, insofar as the position of the Forest Service is concerned.

The letter reads:

Dear Mr. Chairman: Enclosed you will find an amendment to S. 2630, to designate the Stratified Primitive Area in Wyoming as a part of the Washakie Wilderness. In effect, my amendment to S. 2630 would add roughly 40,000 acres to the Forest Service proposal as found in the bill. The basis for offering the amendment is founded on two concepts:

The first of these is that while there is some controversy over this additional acreage, it is better to err on the side of too much rather than too little. The second concept is to bring to the attention of the committee not only the controversy but the pertinent data which could resolve the controversy.

In short, to test the validity of the amendment. As I understand it, such testing is one of the chief functions of a committee hearing. The five areas which my amendment seeks to add to the acreage described in S. 2630 are the upper east and west DuNoir Creek area—

That would be the area J on the map, would it not?—

the Lincoln Point Area—

That would be F-1 on the map—

the Wiggins Fork Area—

Is that designated as area 3?

Mr. WOLF. Correct.

Senator CHURCH. Area 3 upon the map:

And the Bear Basin Area—

Which is designated as area D on the map.

It is argued that the DuNoir Basin is an elk habitat which needs the protection of wilderness designation. The other areas are submitted on the grounds that the boundary line should extend down the escarpment and approach, rather than following the peaks and ridge lines.

I ask that you include this letter in the record, as well as consideration of the enclosed amendment. The insights and judgments of the Public Lands Subcommittee will be of the utmost and abiding interest to me. Indeed, I shall count on your findings as a basis for my own conclusions.

The letter is signed by Senator Gale McGee, and included with the letter is a proposed amendment. Without objection, the proposed amendment will be included in the record at this point.

(The amendment referred to follows:)

AMENDMENT TO S. 2630

A BILL To designate the Stratified Primitive Area as a part of the Washakie Wilderness, heretofore known as the South Absaroka Wilderness, Shoshone National Forest, in the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes

To amend S. 2630 to include the following areas designated on Map "B" on page 18 of the U.S. Forest Service report "A Proposal—Washakie Wilderness—Shoshone National Forest-Wyoming":

- Area J. (Upper East and West DuNoir Creek.)
- Remainder of Area F-1. (To include Lincoln Point.)
- Remainder of Area 3. (Wiggins Fork.)
- Remainder of Area D. (Bear Basin.)

Senator CHURCH. I wonder, Ed, if you could give us your comment on Senator McGee's amendment?